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Barclay Building
Former Walkerville Town Hall
Built c 1905
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Preserve Walkerville Town Hall Meeting Moving Day Festivities March 17, 1995

The Walkerville Town Hall is coming home!! According to information that we learned a few weeks ago, the Town Hall was originally to have been built on the corner of Brant Street and Devonshire Road. Due to fiscal constraints at the time (something we are all familiar with), it was decided to use the existing foundation of the former St. Mary's Church, in order to save money.

Seven months ago, Janet Graybiel and I received a call from Carl Morgan, asking if we would sit on a committee to find a new use for the Barclay building. Shortly afterwards, Duffy Davidson and Bruck Easton joined our Executive Committee, with the assistance of the Windsor Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (commonly known as WACAC), Evelyn McLean (the City's Heritage Planner) and Councillor Margaret Williams. The past several months have been very interesting and very rewarding. Would Duffy, Janet, Bruck, and our newest members, Jay Armeland (our Fund-raising Chair) and Julia Clinton (Jill of all trades), please stand to be acknowledged. This has been, without a doubt, the best committee I have ever worked with.

For each of us on the committee, the support of our families has been very important. Without their encouragement and understanding, we would not have been able to accomplish our goals.

Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd. has been very co-operative throughout this project. They have always been available to us for advice, encouragement and support. They have always been an excellent example of good corporate citizenship in Windsor and we hope they will continue to be so for many years to come.

The City of Windsor has worked very closely with us for the past several months. Without their co-operation, advice and assistance, we could not have accomplished the move in record time. Their most recent contribution was a grant to cover the costs of acquiring the land from CSX Realty as the

new home for the Town Hall.

Throughout this whole project, there were many times when we wondered if we could marshall the necessary expertise, at a cost that we could afford. Enter George Robb Architects; Neo Arch Limited; Woodall Construction; Verghaegen, Stubberfield, Hartley, Brewer & Bezaire Land Surveyors; Canadian National Railways; the Walkerville BIA; Mike Brkovich; Walkerville residents and other Windsorites who care about heritage. They either offered their services at cost or for free. When we needed assistance with charitable status, the Essex County Historical Society came to our rescue and offered to accept donations on our behalf. This has truly been a volunteer-driven project.

When we first talked to CDS Building Movers last fall, to see if the Town Hall could, in fact, be moved to another location, they were very co-operative and have continued to be so. When our schedule for the move was moved ahead a couple of weeks, they dealt with it. If problems arose on-site, they dealt with them. These people are true professionals and we thank them.

We expect that this project will help in the rejuvenation of Old Walkerville as a viable business centre in Windsor and as a major tourist attraction. This project, while it started out as just one building, is more than that. Walkerville is unique in the world - it is one of three remaining company towns in the world - the other two are Pullman, Illinois and Saltair, England. Walkerville was built, financed and supported by one man, Hiram Walker, and his family and this deserves to be preserved. We have a national treasure in our midst. It is our intention to work with the various levels of government, industry, educators and individuals to achieve the goal of preservation and promotion.

It is our hope that the Town Hall, and the other buildings in Walkerville, will survive for generations to come.

Patricia Malicki
Co-Chair

Council News

NEW ACO BRANCH

Subject to confirmation by the Annual General Meeting, the ACO now has a branch for the Windsor area of Ontario, with president Pat Malicki and a full slate of officers.

A "Preserve Walkerville Committee", chaired by former newspaper editor Carl Morgan, was formed to fight demolition of buildings in the Hiram Walker complex. As a result of strong community support and that of organizations such as the ACO, on September 26 Municipal Council of Windsor decided to designate. The Preserve Walkerville Committee has been in close consultation with the ACO executive, and particularly President Alec Keefer, since August 1994, and, rather than dissolve after this victory, the group decided to apply to Council for branch status with the ACO.

GENOVESE/VANDERHOOF REPORT

Now that the report has been circulated to the branches and studied by Council members, a special meeting has been called for April 22 to discuss its findings in preparation for the AGM. In summary, Genovese/Vanderhoof has posed two key questions: "Does the ACO really want to grow?", and, "Is the ACO prepared to change its structure?". It is the opinion of the consultant that we can't accomplish the first without undertaking the second. Several valuable initiatives have already been put in motion as a result of the study, and the Executive wishes to express its appreciation of Genovese/Vanderhoof's innovative approach and their generosity in contributing a portion of their fee to the ACO as a donation.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE COMPONENT

This is a UIC program whereby successful applicants are accepted for a 2 month training period during which they prepare business plans for an organization of their choice. If a plan is approved, UIC provides funds to see it carried out over the next 12 months. Our applicant was Paul Dilse, an urban planner with 15 years experience in the heritage conservation field who has had a long-term association with the ACO. Paul's plan included provision of administrative services to the Advisory Board which would enable publication of its reports, organization of tours and seminars, and a number of other initiatives which we haven't had the manpower to carry out. Paul has just received approval from UIC and only needs confirmation from Council to put the plan into action.

TERRA COTTA EXHIBIT

Originally organized by the Toronto Branch, this exhibition of photographs of terra cotta buildings in Ontario was transferred to London, and just recently, to Hamilton. From February 14 to 28 the photographs were on display at Hamilton Public Library, with a lecture by Alec Keefer during Heritage Week. Rob Hamilton, acting as curator, has augmented the existing collection with numerous Hamilton area examples, including a white terra cotta apartment building and the Lister Building, which is one of three large terra cotta buildings threatened with demolition, as well as the Natco Brick Yard. Rob is preparing a walking tour pamphlet of terra cotta buildings in Hamilton.

Margaret Goodbody

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Inc.

*Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
9:45 a.m.,
Sunday, April 24, 1995
Cambridge*

Mrs. Julia Beck, President, welcomed 45 guests to the 61st Annual General Meeting and thanked Cambridge City Council for graciously allowing the ACO to use the Council Chambers of Old City Hall for the conference and meeting.

AGENDA

The President moved that the proposed agenda for the 1994 Annual General Meeting of the ACO be approved by the membership, seconded by Mr. Bill Greer. CARRIED.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Secretary, seconded by Michael Baker, that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

The President was delighted to inform the membership that work on the foundations of the historic residence Chiefswood is now complete. The Restoration Committee continues to raise funds for a cedar shingle roof.

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Heritage Legislation for the Province has continued to meet following the release by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation in August 1993 of a working draft of the new legislation. A revised working draft released in November incorporated many recommended changes. The Ministry then decided to prepare the accompanying regulations and present the whole package to the House in the fall of 1994.

The Skinner-Jackson House in Camden East continued to be rented out from June 1993 to June 1994, under the condition that the front portion was available for short-term holiday rental. This scheme did not prove successful and a new lease, at market value, for the exclusive use of the house is being negotiated with the tenant.

Fund raising initiatives since the 1993 AGM have proved disappointing, with our \$30,000 special projects grant application to the Bronfman Foundation being turned down and government regulations delaying the Cash Calendar project. However, there is every expectation that a 1995 Cash Calendar will be in place by September 1994.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President began her report by informing the members of changes in personnel since the last AGM. We have a new Treasurer, John Sutlic CA, and two new part-time paid staff: John Martins-Manteiga, Heritage Administrator, and Stephen Sutlic, who provides bookkeeping services.

Mrs. Beck stated that a major initiative of the Executive Committee has been the development of a new 5-year Strategic Plan, as required by the Ministry in considering our application for a 1994 support grant. In fact, it had been six years since the ACO received the Intern's Report, recommendations from which have guided our activities for the past five years. Strategic planning forums open to all members and interested parties were held in November 1993 and January 1994, after which a draft Plan was submitted to Council. The amended version was then printed in

ACORN for consideration by the membership at this Annual General Meeting. She noted that a Marketing and Fund Raising Study, to be carried out by the firm of Genovese and Vanderhoof and funded by a Ministry's Special Projects Grant, would complement the Strategic Plan.

Other ACO activities included two heritage bus tours in 1993, and development work on the Eric Arthur book by Bill Moffet and Alec Keefer. This latter project is on hold pending adoption of the Strategic Plan and results of the marketing study. In addition, the President has assisted in the formulation of a new governing by-law for the Brant County Branch and has been advising a group in the Rideau Valley corridor on the possible formation of a branch there. During her two years as President, she has visited every branch except Port Hope and Cambridge, and is now in the process of preparing a Branch Manual. She remains convinced that the ACO needs the services of a full-time administrator in order to remain a vigorous and respected member of the heritage community.

FINANCIAL

Mr. John Sutlic, Treasurer, informed the membership that he took over as Treasurer in August 1993 and has been carrying out an analysis of the ACO financial position. He thanks the branch presidents and treasurers for their assistance and reported that, while the audit process is not yet complete, he has draft statements which can be made available to the branches. Mr. Sutlic reported that while overall revenues have declined, partly because of Ministry cutbacks, our expenses have also. He particularly noted savings on ACORN mailing costs thanks to initiatives by the editor, Margaret Rowell. He advised that in order to qualify for Ministry assistance we must continue to demonstrate our relevance through a strong membership base and active programs. He stated, in reply to a query from Mr. Nicholas Hill, that roughly 40% of our operating funds come from the Ministry, 25% from membership, 10% from rent and the rest from donations and fund-raising, and agreed with Mr. Hill's perception that there had been a decline in financial independence since 1992. The issues of the need to regularize receipt of membership fees and the regulation of ACORN subscriptions was raised again. It was moved by Mr. Sutlic, seconded by Mr.

Dan Atkinson, that the financial report be accepted. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was moved by Mr. Sutlic, seconded by Mr. Beck, that Blackwell Sparks, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the coming year, and that Council be authorized to fix their remuneration. CARRIED.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Alec Keefer, Chair, noted that the Cambridge conference was the third of a 5-year annual conference program formulated by this committee. The 1995 conference, Vernacular II, will focus on Ottawa and the Rideau; the 1996 conference, Year of the Brick, will be held in Toronto. After the 1995 conference, the committee will analyse the success of the program and determine the next step. Mr. Keefer noted that this year's conference was carried out without financial assistance from the Ministry, and expressed his thanks to coordinator Alison Jackson and the organizing committee of Tish Ostlund, Pat and Ben Rosebrugh of Heritage Cambridge and Council liaison Margaret Goodbody. It was moved by Mr. Keefer, seconded by Mrs. Goodbody, that the report of the Program Development Committee be accepted. CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Joyce Sowby, Chair, reported that she had a very productive, if too short, meeting with branch membership secretaries before the Strategic Planning Forum in November 1993. The chairs of the Advisory Board and the Fund Raising Committee were also present. A second meeting was scheduled in conjunction with the AGM, and two further meetings to plan strategy for a membership campaign in 1995. She noted that, while we continue to attract new members, we lose old members at about the same rate, obviously an unacceptable situation. It was moved by Mrs. Sowby, seconded by Mrs. Pat Rosebrugh, that the report of the Membership & Publicity Committee be accepted. CARRIED.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Angela Tucker, Chair, presented the report of the Publications Committee. She reported that the major publication now underway is a book based on Eric Arthur's photographs of historic buildings, taken in various locations in the province. Bill Moffet has prepared an outline, Alec Keefer is selecting photographs, and others are preparing the text. In addition, she noted that the 1992 conference proceedings are available for sale, and that the 1993 conference proceedings should be available in September. It was moved by Ms. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Michael Keefe, that the report of the Publications Committee be accepted. CARRIED.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Chair, Rod Angevarre, Mrs. Beck read a letter from him to the branch presidents outlining the Cash Calendar project. Mr. Hill expressed his uneasiness with the lottery concept generally, and Mr. Atkinson was concerned that the costs would be greater than the returns. Mr. Keefer noted that the calendar will also serve the purpose of providing information about ACO activities. Mrs. Eleanor Gardhouse suggested trying the project for a second year and assessing its value. It was moved by Mrs. Gardhouse, seconded by Mrs. Sowby, that the report of the Fund Raising Committee be accepted. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martins-Manteiga outlined his duties as Heritage Administrator, noting that he was in the office every Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to answer inquiries personally, and that he checked mail and messages throughout the week. He asked branches to pick up membership lists and tax receipts from him at the close of the meeting.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW #1

The President explained a problem that had arisen with regard to the present 2-year term for members-at-large in that it does not provide for an overlap of new and experienced members. It was therefore moved by Mr. Keefer, seconded by Mr. Ed Bennett, that members-at-large serve a term of three years. CARRIED.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Mrs. Margaret Goodbody, the member responsible, explained the reasons behind this initiative, and the process by which it was carried out, and referred members to the Plan printed in the Spring '94 issue of ACORN. It was moved by Mrs. Goodbody, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the new 5-year Strategic Plan be accepted by the membership of the ACO. CARRIED.

ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Bill Greer, Chair, reported that there were 20 members on the Board. Of these, 12 had worked on assignments in 1993, with three reports completed, three highway widening comments, and five still in progress. There were four requests to date in 1994. Receipts for completed reports amount to \$450 in donations to the ACO, with a year's ACO memberships being given to the client. Mr. Greer noted that the Board is made up of dedicated and experienced professionals whose activities provide a valuable outreach program for the ACO. He asked that branches nominate additional members from their territories and suggested that, where branches do not exist, LACAC's be asked to suggest potential Board members. Mr. Greer will approach ACO Council to raise the consultation fee from \$150 to \$200 at the discretion of the consulting architect, depending on the scope of the advice requested. He stressed that the services the Board provide in no way conflict with those which require paid professional assistance. Finally, Mr. Greer expressed his sincere appreciation for the work carried out by Diane McCormick, secretary to the Advisory Board, and to the retiring President of the ACO, Mrs. Beck for her guidance. Mrs. Shirley Watton asked that profiles of Board members and summaries of Board reports be included in ACORN. It was moved by Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the report of the Advisory Board be accepted. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Approval moved by Mrs. Lynda Schneider, seconded by Mr. Michael Keefe. CARRIED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO
CONFERENCE
AT THE CONFLUENCE
VERNACULAR ONTARIO TWO

The Influence of Style on the Vernacular
Conference '95 - Ottawa
Friday, May 19th to Sunday, May 21st, 1995
To be held at the University of Ottawa

Background:

In April 1992, the ACO convened a highly successful two-day conference at Brantford dealing with Vernacular Architecture in Ontario.

Purpose:

In Ottawa in May 1995, the ACO will revisit the theme of the vernacular. At the Confluence, will celebrate Ontario's buildings. The papers and tours will show how style has enriched the tradition of vernacular building in Ontario.

PROGRAMME:

Friday, May 19th University of Ottawa, Room 202, Montpetit Hall

9:30 to 9:45	Coffee and Registration
9:45 to 10:00	Introduction
10:00 to 10:30	Dr. Angela Carr - Vernacular: It's in the Definition
10:30 to 11:00	William Gilpin - An Architectural Onion in Toronto's Riverdale <i>William will describe the pioneer-era loghouse he inadvertently bought in a downtown neighbourhood three years ago and the layers that encased it: two centuries of vernacular Ontario domestic building trends under one roof.</i>
11:15 to 11:45	E. Hanson - Our Own Worst Enemy: <i>Preservation and the Conundrum of Self-Awareness. The Case of the Garden Island Kingson. A fascinating story of one of Ontario's premier industrial complexes.</i>
11:45 to 12:15	Brian Hunt - From Masterpiece to Commonplace <i>Major artistic achievements always tend to influence, in turn, ideas at a more modest and eventually populist level. Examples in architecture: the Crystal Palace to arcades and conservatories; Wright to suburban house; Post Moderne to past-mundane.</i>
12:15 to 1:30	Lunch
1:30 to 2:00	Edna Hudson - Copy Cats & Individualists: The Houses of Bellevue Avenue, Toronto <i>The story of a unique street where most lots have been built on only once. Now a working class and immigrant neighbourhood where a rich tapestry continues to be woven.</i>
2:00 to 2:30	John Rutledge - It's in the Detail <i>Regional variations in details styling in Huron, Bruce and Perth Counties.</i>
2:30 to 3:00	Brian Hunt - Renaissance to Main Street: Sources of Ontario's Georgian Vernacular <i>The Italian Renaissance, largely through the work of Palladio, profoundly affected the architecture of England. Georgian housing evolved under this influence and became the everyday way of building in Britain and eventually in Upper Canada. These early buildings in Ontario reflect their noble ancestry in both organization and detail.</i>

REGISTRATION FORM

COST: ☐ ACO Members - \$55.00 by May 1, 1995; after \$70.00
☐ Non-member - \$70.00 by May 1, 1995; after \$100.00
☐ Student - \$25.00 by May 1, 1995; after \$55.00
☐ \$20.00 Saturday guided bus tour of the upper Rideau, includes lunch
☐ \$20.00 Saturday evening dinner
☐ \$10.00 Sunday morning tour

Name: (as it will appear on name tag) _____

Company/organization/school: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Please make cheque payable to:

ACO, at 10 Adelaide St. E., Suite 204, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1J3

Note: a limited number of rooms are available at the University of Ottawa for under \$40.00 (either single or double). Reserve by contacting John Martens-Manteiga at 416-367-8075.

☐ *Enclosed also is my \$35.00 (on a separate cheque) for membership in the Architectural Conservancy '94-'95.*

THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Conference '95 - Ottawa
Friday, May 19th to Sunday, May 21st, 1995
To be held at the University of Ottawa

PROGRAMME:

Saturday, May 20th **University of Ottawa, Room 202, Montpetit Hall**

10:00 a.m. Registration
Continental Breakfast in Room 202, Montpetit Hall
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO INC.
Speaker: Jennifer Cousineau
Representations of Domestic Architecture in The Chatelaine magazine.

12:00 to 5:00 Bus Tour of Communities on the Rideau Canal.
Includes a box lunch.

7:30 p.m. Dinner At the Canal Ritz, 375 Queen Elizabeth Drive

Sunday, May 21st

10:00 a.m. Tour of Lower Town
Emphasizing vernacular architecture.

Biographies of Speakers:

Dr. Angela K. Carr is Assistant Professor of Art History at the School for Canadian Studies in Art and Culture, Carlton University, Ottawa. Author of *Toronto Architect, Edmund Burke*, McGill - Queen's University Press, 1995.

Jennifer Cousineau, currently working on her Masters degree at Carlton University, is a graduate of Queen's University where she specialized in the history of Architecture.

William Gilpin an ardent conservationist, has lived in Toronto most of his life; he designs gardens of great charm and grace and is manager of a small bakery.

Erik Hanson has his Masters in Heritage Conservation from the University of Vermont and at present he is a Heritage Preservation Consultant in Peterborough, Ontario.

Dr. Brian Hunt teaches architectural design and history at the University of Waterloo School of Architecture. Interested in both the theory and practice of design, he teaches one course that is concerned with the overview of historical movements in architectural.

Edna Hudson, a resident of Toronto for more than 20 years, was trained as a mathematician and engineer. Today, she enjoys historical research for the unexpected insights it provides. Currently, she is the president of the Toronto Region Architectural Conservancy.

John Rutledge a native of Huron County, is an architect working extensively through Southern Ontario helping people restore, renovate and recycle historic buildings.

*We suggest if you wish to keep your ACORN intact,
send a photocopy of your registration form!*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Bill Moffet presented the proposed slate of Officers and Members-at-Large for 1994-1995, as follows:

President.....Mr. Alec Keefer
Senior Vice-President.....Mr. Rod Angevaere
Vice-President.....Mrs. Anne McKillop
Vice-President.....Mr. Philip Carter
Treasurer.....Mr. John Sutlic
Secretary.....Mrs. Margaret Goodbody
Past-President.....Mrs. Julia Beck
Members-at-Large.....Mr. Geoffrey Millet
.....Mr. William Moffet
.....Mrs. Pat Rosebrugh
.....Mrs. Joyce Sowby
.....Ms. Mary Angela Tucker

As there were no further nominations from the floor, it was moved by Mrs. Goodbody, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the nominations be closed. CARRIED. It was then moved by Mr. Moffet, seconded by Mrs. Jean Fayle, that the proposed slate of officers be accepted. CARRIED. The above-named individuals will serve in the office set opposite their names for the ensuing year, each to serve until his or her respective successor shall be elected and qualify.

The new President, Mr. Keefer, thanked the membership for their support and Heritage Cambridge for providing the venue for this AGM. Mrs. Guardhouse asked that Woodstock be considered as the locale for the AGM '97, with the theme of historic interiors, in keeping with the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Museum.

The Secretary, Mrs. Goodbody, spoke on behalf of the retiring Executive in commending Julia Beck for her tireless work and her effectiveness in the role of President of the ACO.

Branch Reports

Branch Reports were heard from Quinte Region, Port Hope Branch, Heritage Cambridge, Brant County Branch, North Waterloo Branch, Heritage Oxford, London Region Branch, and Huron County Branch.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Terry Foord, seconded by Mr. Michael Baker, that this Annual Meeting of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Inc. be adjourned.

Margaret M. Goodbody
Secretary-

Annual General Meeting 1995

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 1995-1996

President.....Alec Keefer
Senior Vice-President.....William Moffet
Vice-President.....Anne McKillop
Vice-President.....Mary Angela Tucker
Past-President.....Julia Beck
Treasurer.....John Sutlic
Secretary.....Margaret Goodbody
Members-at-Large.....Shirley Ayer
.....Donna Baker
.....Dean Ramsay
.....Pat Rosebrugh
.....Ruth Shantz
Nominating Committee.....Julia Beck
.....Nicholas Hill

Coming Events

LECTURE SERIES: TORONTO HISTORICAL BOARD

April 27 - August 17, Toronto Historical Board, 205 Yonge Street, Toronto. A FREE summer lunch-time lecture series will be presented every Thursday at the restored Bank of Toronto building at 205 Yonge Street. Bring your own lunch; lecture runs from noon to 1:00 p.m.

- April 27 - History & How We Use It
- May 4 - Clay, Stone & Steel in Toronto Architecture
- May 11 - Toronto Remembers VE Day
- May 18 - The Davenport Road
- May 25 - Toronto's Most Violent Day: The Battle of York, 1813.

For more information, call the Toronto Historical Board at (416) 392-6827.

WALKING TOURS: TORONTO HISTORICAL BOARD

April 30 - October 1, Toronto Historical Board and Sun Life present FREE Sunday afternoon, guided walking tours. Tours begin at 1:30 p.m.

- April 30 - Mayor's walking tour of Toronto's City Halls. Join Mayor Barbara Hall as she launches the Toronto Historical Board's walking tour series.

- May 7 - Clay, Stone & Steel in Toronto Architecture
- May 14 - Fort York: Past, Present and Future
- May 21 - Historic Spadina: Its Gardens and Neighbourhoods
- May 28 - Early French Settlers in Toronto

For more information, call the Toronto Historical Board at (416) 392-6827.

Heritage Cambridge House Tour

The following is a list of the houses on the tour, as well as a detailed description of one of the houses.

Date: Saturday, April 29, 1995
Time: 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Houses Included:

- Clemens Family Farmhouse, c. 1819, 355 Chilligo Road
- "The Castle", c. 1870, 120 Queen Street
- McDougall Cottage, c. 1858, 89 Grand Avenue South
- The Leicester Family Home, c. 1904, 42 Lansdowne Road
- 1848 "Rutherford House", 9 Kay Street
- The Barrie Family Farmhouse, c. 1860, Regional Road #97 West
- Trinity Anglican Church, c. 1844, 12 Blair Road (Also the location of the "Cream Tea" from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.)

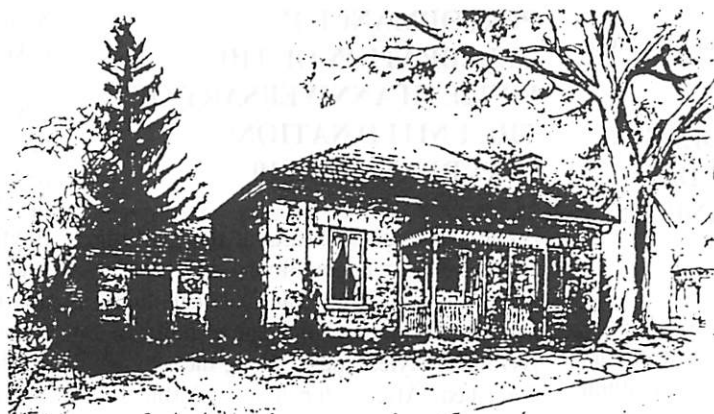
"THE CASTLE", c. 1870

Known locally as "The Castle", this large, yellow brick home was constructed by Charles Karch, an early Hespeler Justice of the Peace and machinery manufacturer. A three-storey structure, it is uniquely situated high on a former shoreline plateau with a commanding view of the Speed River valley below. The house is symmetrical in a style identified as Victorian Gothic, with a steeply gabled roofline and a turret capped with wrought iron finials. Interesting Arabesque patterns are etched into the ruby glass panels of the main doors. This home was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1985. Owned by the Horsman family, this home has been restored by the present owner with skill and restraint.



Heritage Cambridge

A Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario



House Tour

Saturday, April 29, 1995,

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

&

English "Cream Tea"

at Trinity Anglican Church, 12 Blair Road

12:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Six heritage houses of distinction will be open to the public,
plus Trinity Anglican Church, the oldest stone church in Waterloo Region.

- Tickets \$12.00 in advance - \$14.00 at the door, Cream Tea included •
- On the day of the Tour, tickets will be available at all Houses and Trinity Anglican Church •
- Children 12 years of age and over are welcome •

Tickets available at the following Cambridge business locations:

City of Cambridge
73 Water Street, (3rd Floor)

Garden Gate
1679 Blair Road

Heartstrings
13 Salisbury

Cafe 13
13 Main Street

Gmelin's Flowers
441 Fountain Street, South

Flowerland
6 & 8 Queen Street, West

Willow House
7 Queen Street, East

Chamber of Commerce
531 King Street

Etcetera Linens and Gifts
761 King Street

For more information, please call Sheila O'Donovan at
(519) 622-2988 or at Fax (519) 624-0182.



The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Inc. Tours

Paul Dilse has organized four non-profit architectural tours for 1995.

TOUR 1: PARKS, GARDENS AND RAVINES OF THE DON RIVER IN TORONTO AND NEARBY BUILDINGS, FRIDAY JUNE 2

Travelling in our Ford Club Wagon van, we stop to see Toronto's oldest horticultural gardens and its greenhouse, a park in Cabbagetown, a picturesque cemetery with its Gothic Revival chapel, and a zoo transformed into an inner-city farm. We have lunch on The Danforth, and then in the afternoon we visit Rosedale - an oak grove, mansions and ravines. In the Lawrence Park neighbourhood, we stroll through gardens dedicated to the composer of "The Maple Leaf Forever." We also visit Cruickshank's garden store. To finish our day-long tour, a member of the Rhododendrons Society of Canada shows us the extensive beds of rhododendrons at a Metropolitan Toronto park.

Limited to 10 passengers
Registration requested by May 15
Price: \$44.00 (lunch not included)

TOUR 2: THE RUSHOLME ESTATE SUBDIVISION: AN EDWARDIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD IN TORONTO PLUS A PERFORMANCE IN CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Our walking tour starts at the Dufferin Subway Station on the Bloor-Danforth Line and includes an Edwardian Classical library, an Arts and Crafts church and a church in a Byzantine style. Houses along the way are described. After a lunch in a Portuguese restaurant, we attend a Chester miracle play with music by Benjamin Britten; the performance is a U.N. 50th anniversary event.

Limited to 15
Registration requested by May 15
Price: \$55.00 (lunch not included)

TOUR 3: THE CANADA COMPANY LANDS, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2 TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4 (LABOUR DAY WEEKEND)

Leaving Toronto, we head for Guelph in our van. Our tour of Guelph concludes with

lunch downtown. On the Saturday afternoon, we visit the Fryfogel Inn (a wayside inn on the Huron colonization road), a late Georgian stone church and the oldest rural school in Perth County. Dinner is at our Stratford Hotel. Night owls have a choice of a play at the Stratford Festival (please purchase your own ticket in advance) or bar hopping on historic Ontario Street. Sunday morning begins with a walking tour of downtown Stratford. We take the Huron Road to Seaforth, drive through its heritage conservation district, and stop at the Van Egmond House. Brunch is at Bayfield's Little Inn of 1832. Continuing south along the shore of Lake Huron, we arrive at Pinery Provincial Park for a drive and walk through an unusual landscape of northern red pines and Carolinian oaks. We end the day early to enjoy the amenities offered at grand Bend's Oakwood Inn Resort, a 70-year-old compound with a private beach. On Labour Day, we tour the port of Goderich. Lunch is at the Benmiller Inn. Returning to Stratford, we see the studio of bookwright and wood engraver, Gerard Brenderà Brandis. Expected arrival time on Monday in Toronto is 5:30 p.m.

Limited to 10
Registration Requested by June 30
Price: \$300.00 based on double occupancy (neither meals nor Stratford Festival tickets included)

****Use this handy registration form, or keep your ACORN in one piece & use a photocopy of this form****

ACO TOUR REGISTRATION

This form registers _____ person/people.
 I would like to register for:

Tour #1 (Parks) @ \$44.00 per person	x	_____	=	\$ _____	
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Tour #4 (Niagara) @ \$250.00 per person*	x	_____	=	\$ _____	
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- GST is not charged
- Stratford Festival performances on the evening of Saturday September 2 are "Amadeus" by Peter Shaffer, "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert & Sullivan, and "The Stillborn Lover" by Timothy Findley. Call 1-800-567-1600 (or free from Toronto, 363-4471) to reserve your tickets.
- All tours begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp, and depart from Toronto.
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**TOUR 4: NIAGARA
COUNTRYSIDE, THEATRE &
BUFFALO ARCHITECTURE,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 AND
SUNDAY OCTOBER 22**

Our first stop on this Indian summer weekend is in scenic Jordan where we taste wine at the Cave Spring Winery, explore the 1815 Jacob Fry House at the Jordan Museum of the Twenty, and browse in a shop devoted to locally made porcelain spongeware. After lunch in the Cave Spring Restaurant, we drive through the Short Hills area and pass by the oldest Quaker cemetery in Canada. En route to Brock's Monument in Queenston, we walk through a Carolinian forest and examine an 1828 farmhouse. Following dinner, we enjoy the Shaw Festival's production of Bernard Shaw's comedy, "You Never Can Tell". Starting out from our historic hotel, Sunday morning begins with a walking tour of Queenston. Thereafter, Alex Herlovitch for the Preservation Coalition of Erie County lead us on a tour of Buffalo landmarks, including buildings by Adler & Sullivan, D.H. Burnham & Company, Eliel and Eero Saarinen, H.H. Richardson and Frank Lloyd Wright. Expected arrival time in Toronto is 6:30 p.m.

Limited to 10

Registration requested by August 1

*Price: \$250.00 based on double occupancy
(meals not included)*



Drawing By Gerard Brender à Brandis

The Mallory House - Circa 1810

A remarkable survivor of the early 1800's the Mallory House is essentially a post and beam "Wilderness Georgian" style framed structure of nearly 2700 square feet, set on a rubble stone masonry foundation and located on 13 acres just east of Coburg.

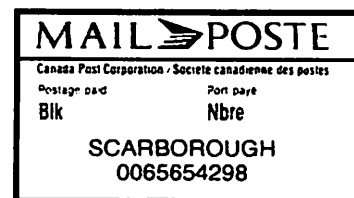
Dominating the house is the massive central chimney stack and five brick fireplaces of medieval England origins and common to seventeenth century New England.

Sadly, this designated historical residence has been neglected in recent years and requires a new owner of vision and means to restore it to its former magnificence.

Background history and architectural reports are available by contacting John Clews or Judy Giberson at Choice of Service Realty Ltd., (905) 373-1980.

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